

## Acronym buster for the Patient Experience Operational Group

ACRONYM		Explanation
AHSC	Academic Health Science Centre	The Oxford Academic Health Science Centre (Oxford AHSC) coordinates clinical and academic excellence within Oxford University, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust and Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The Oxford AHSC is an integrated research environment, physically and strategically embedding basic and translational research with clinical evaluation. <a href="http://www.oxfordahsc.org.uk/">http://www.oxfordahsc.org.uk/</a>
AHSN	Academic Health Science Network	The Oxford AHSN brings together universities, industry and the NHS to improve health and wealth through clinical innovation. Its four core objectives are to: focus on the needs of patients and local populations; speed up adoption of innovation into practice; build a culture of partnership and collaboration; create wealth. The Oxford AHSN covers a population of 3.3 million living in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes, Oxfordshire and Bedfordshire. <a href="http://www.oxfordahsn.org/">http://www.oxfordahsn.org/</a>
BRC	Biomedical Research Centre	The NIHR Biomedical Research Centre Oxford (OxBRC) is based at the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and run in partnership with the University of Oxford. The Oxford BRC undertakes 'translational research', taking laboratory research into a clinical setting (from the bench to the bedside). <a href="https://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/">https://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/</a>
BRU	Biomedical Research Unit	Smaller than the BRC, and focusing its work on illnesses of the joints, bones and muscles (musculoskeletal disease) the BRU is also a partnership of Oxford University Hospitals and the University of Oxford. <a href="https://www.oxford.msk.bru.nihr.ac.uk/">https://www.oxford.msk.bru.nihr.ac.uk/</a>
CCF	NIHR Central Commissioning Facility	Organises competitions and monitors performance for NIHR Programmes, Faculty and Infrastructure on behalf of the Department of Health. Manages the following NIHR research funding programmes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invention for Innovation (i4i)</li> <li>• Programme Grants for Applied Research</li> <li>• Programme Development Grants</li> <li>• Research for Patient Benefit</li> <li>• Research for Innovation, Creativity and Risk programme</li> </ul> The CCF also manages the Research Design Service (RDS) to support applicants and the following research schools, centre and units: Blood and Transplant Research Units, Health Protection Research Units, School for Primary Care Research, School for Public Health Research, School for Social Care Research, Surgical Reconstruction and Microbiology Research Centre. <a href="http://www.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/how-we-are-managed/managing-centres/nihr-central-commissioning-facility/">http://www.nihr.ac.uk/about-us/how-we-are-managed/managing-centres/nihr-central-commissioning-facility/</a>
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group	CCGs are locally based GP-led groups overseen by NHS England. They manage primary care commissioning, including holding NHS contracts for GP practices. CCGs commissioning (or buying) healthcare services including:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• elective hospital care</li> <li>• rehabilitation care</li> <li>• urgent and emergency care</li> <li>• most community health services</li> <li>• mental health and learning disability services</li> </ul>
CLAHRC	Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care	A collaboration of leading applied health researchers across Oxford and the Thames Valley. Led from within Oxford University's Department of Primary Care Health Sciences it involves colleagues from the university's Medical Sciences Division, in particular researchers at the Department of Psychiatry, and in partnership with the Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust and other local trusts and related structures. Half of its total funding of £18million is from the NIHR, additional matched funding is from a combination of the university, local health trusts, authorities, charities and businesses. <a href="https://www.clahrc-oxford.nihr.ac.uk/">https://www.clahrc-oxford.nihr.ac.uk/</a>
CRN	Clinical Research Network	Thames Valley and South Midlands is part of the NIHR Clinical Research Network, which helps to enable clinical research to take place in the NHS. Thames Valley and South Midlands is one of 15 regional networks responsible for ensuring the effective delivery of research in trusts, primary care organisations and other qualified NHS providers. It is hosted by Oxford University Hospitals and covers Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes. <a href="http://www.nihr.ac.uk/nihr-in-your-area/thames-valley-and-south-midlands/">http://www.nihr.ac.uk/nihr-in-your-area/thames-valley-and-south-midlands/</a>
EBCD	Experience based co-design	Involves gathering experiences from patients and staff through in-depth interviewing, observations and group discussions, identifying key 'touch points' (emotionally significant points) and assigning positive or negative feelings. A short edited film is created from the patient interviews. This is shown to staff and patients, and is intended to demonstrate how patients experience the service, in an impactful way. Staff and patients are then brought together to explore the findings and to work in small groups to identify and implement activities that will improve the service or the care pathway.
HEETV	Health Education England Thames Valley	Regional arm of national body covering Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire, supporting delivery of excellent healthcare and health improvement. <a href="https://www.hee.nhs.uk/hee-your-area/thames-valley">https://www.hee.nhs.uk/hee-your-area/thames-valley</a>
HRA	Health Research Authority	Protects and promotes the interests of patients and the public in health research, and streamlines the regulation of research including ethical review. <a href="http://www.hra.nhs.uk/">http://www.hra.nhs.uk/</a>
JLA	James Lind Alliance	A non-profit making initiative established in 2004. It brings together patients, carers and clinicians in Priority Setting Partnerships – identifying and prioritising unanswered questions about treatments that they agree are most important. This helps ensure that those who fund health research are aware of what matters to patients, carers and clinicians. Coordinated by the NIHR Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre (NETSCC). <a href="http://www.jla.nihr.ac.uk/about-the-james-lind-alliance/">http://www.jla.nihr.ac.uk/about-the-james-lind-alliance/</a>
NDPCHS	Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences	Undertakes internationally acclaimed teaching and research that improves the primary care delivered by GP practices. Also teaches elements of the Oxford University

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		undergraduate programme in medicine including arranging placements for medical students in GP practices. <a href="https://www.phc.ox.ac.uk/">https://www.phc.ox.ac.uk/</a>
NDORMS	Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences	Part of Oxford University Medical Sciences Division. <a href="https://www.ndorms.ox.ac.uk/">https://www.ndorms.ox.ac.uk/</a>
NETSCC	NIHR Evaluation, Trials and Studies Co-ordinating Centre	Manages evaluation research programmes and activities for the NIHR, and plays an important role in improving the health and wealth of the nation through research. Based at the University of Southampton. Programmes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation</li> <li>• Health Services and Delivery Research</li> <li>• Health Technology Assessment</li> <li>• Public Health Research</li> <li>• Systematic Reviews</li> <li>• NIHR Clinical Trials Unit support funding</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.southampton.ac.uk/netscc">http://www.southampton.ac.uk/netscc</a>
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence	provides national guidance and advice to improve health and social care. <a href="https://www.nice.org.uk/">https://www.nice.org.uk/</a>
NIHR	National Institute for Health Research	The main funder of health research in the UK. Also translates discoveries into practical products, treatments, devices and procedures. <a href="http://www.nihr.ac.uk/">http://www.nihr.ac.uk/</a>
NOCRI	NIHR Office for Clinical Research Infrastructure	Provides potential partners, including the life sciences industry and charities, with a direct and simplified route to a wide range of experimental medicine facilities and expert NIHR investigators. <a href="http://www.nihr.ac.uk/">http://www.nihr.ac.uk/</a>
SCN	Strategic Clinical Networks	Strategic clinical networks, hosted and funded by NHS England, cover conditions or patient groups where improvements can be made through an integrated, whole system approach. These strategic clinical networks include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cancer</li> <li>• Cardiovascular disease (including cardiac, stroke, diabetes and renal disease)</li> <li>• Maternity and children's services</li> <li>• Mental health, dementia and neurological conditions</li> <li>• End-of-life care</li> <li>• Long-term conditions.</li> </ul> <a href="http://tvscn.nhs.uk/">http://tvscn.nhs.uk/</a>

## Other useful glossaries:

**NHS Confederation**

<http://www.nhsconfed.org/acronym-buster>

**INVOLVE**

<http://www.invo.org.uk/resource-centre/useful-information/jargon-buster/>

**NETSCC**

<http://www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/glossary>

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